



NOTICE UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the requirements of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Savannah (City) will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in the City's services, programs, or activities.

The City does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices. The City will not ask a job applicant about the existence, nature, or severity of a disability. Applicants may be asked about their ability to perform specific job functions. Medical examinations or inquiries may be made, but only after a conditional offer of employment is made and only if required of all applicants for the position. The City will make reasonable accommodations for the known physical or mental limitations of a qualified applicant or employee with a disability upon request unless the accommodation would cause an undue hardship on the operation of the City's business. Any employee's medical records will be retained separate from personnel files and kept confidential. The City will make an individualized assessment of whether a qualified individual with a disability meets selection criteria for employment decisions. To the extent its selection criteria have the effect of disqualifying an individual because of disability, those criteria will be job-related and consistent with business necessity.

The City will provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services, including qualified sign language interpreters and assistive listening devices, whenever necessary to ensure effective communication with members of the public who have hearing, sight, or speech impairments, unless to do so would result in a fundamental alteration of its programs or an undue administrative or financial burden. A person who requires an accommodation or an auxiliary aid or service to participate in a City program, service, or activity, should contact the office of C. Bell, the ADA Coordinator, at ⁽⁹¹²⁾ ~~651-4401~~ (voice) and ⁽⁹¹²⁾ ~~651-3164~~ (TDD or relay) as far in advance as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The City can be reached by telecommunications devices for the deaf (TDD) at ⁽⁹¹²⁾ ~~651-6702~~ and also through the ~~BellSouth~~ Relay Service at ⁽⁹¹²⁾ ~~780-2274~~ (TDD).

Complaints that a City program, service, or activity is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Carol Bell.

The City will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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